

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Garfield County



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Utah Department of Workforce Services

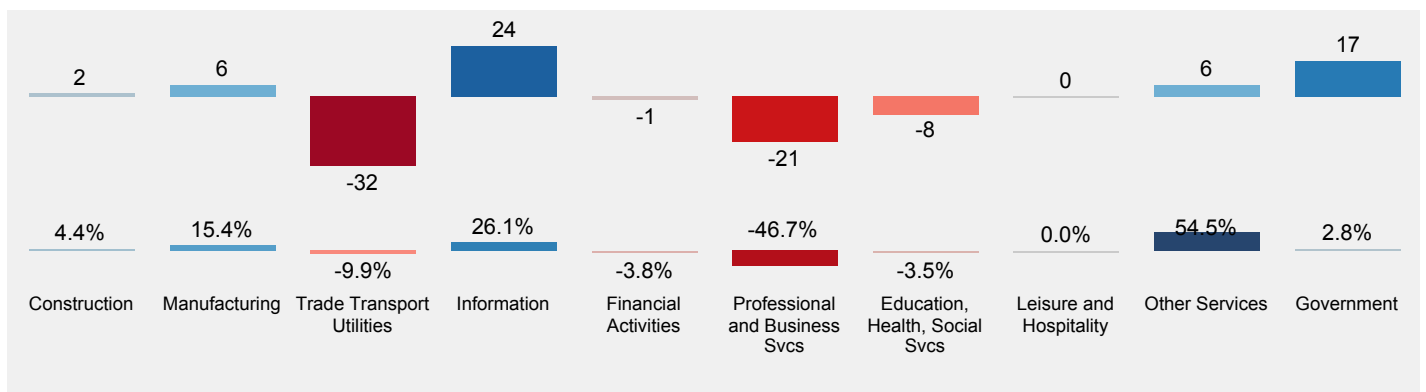
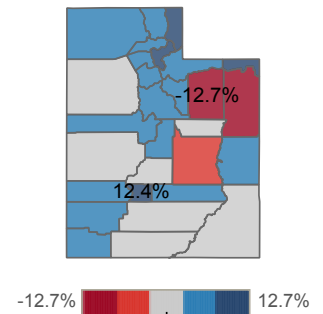
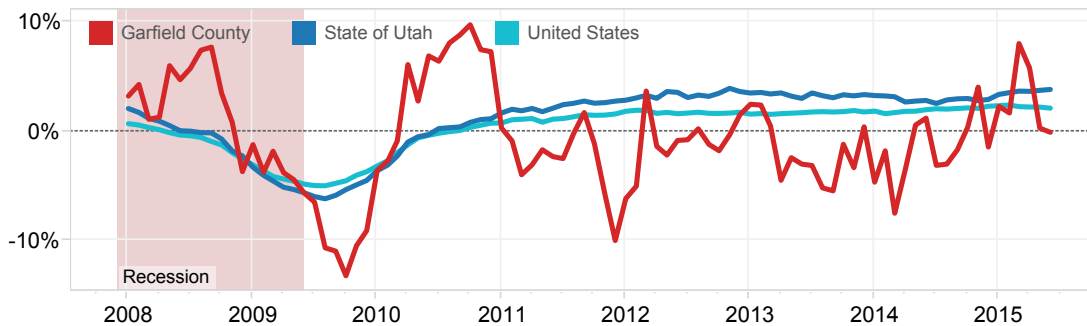
Year-to-Year Change in Nonfarm Jobs JUNE 2015*

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-0.1%
Garfield County

3.8%
State of Utah

2.1%
United States



How's the economy?

After a promising beginning to 2015, Garfield County once again found itself headed toward job-losing territory at the end of second quarter. While the loss proved minute (just three jobs), it marks a departure from the positive expansion of the previous months. Nevertheless, the county's high jobless rate continued to ever-so-slowly decline. In the tourist-heavy summer and fall months, first-time claims for unemployment insurance have almost disappeared; but they should start their seasonal swell in upcoming weeks. It was a strong gain in gross taxable sales that provided the strongest promise for this struggling area.

Jobs

Although Garfield County managed a bit of employment expansion earlier in the quarter, by June employment levels were down 0.1 percent on a year-to-year basis.

Job losses in retail trade and professional/business services more than counteracted improvements in information and the public sectors.

Earlier in the year almost every sector showed employment gains.



*Preliminary
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate SEPTEMBER 2015

8.2%

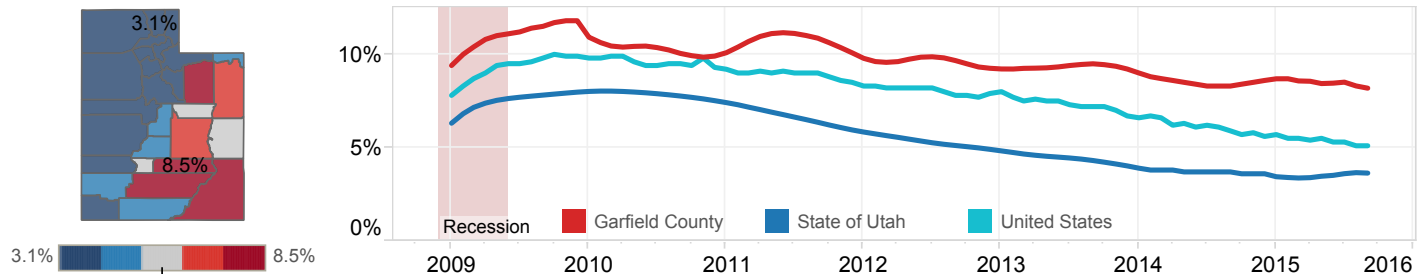
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3.6%

State of Utah

5.1%

United States

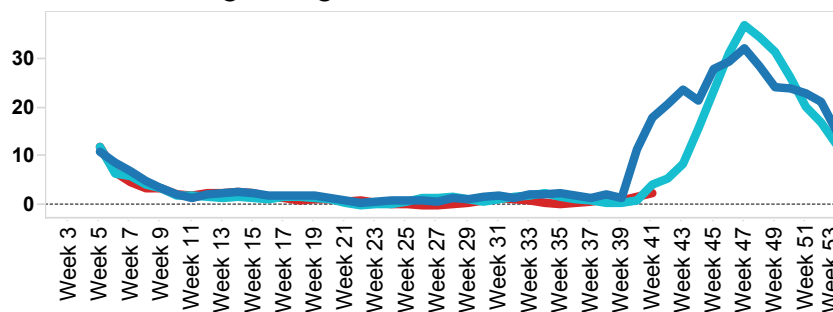


Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

YTD October 9, 2015

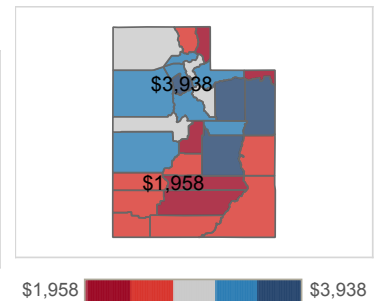
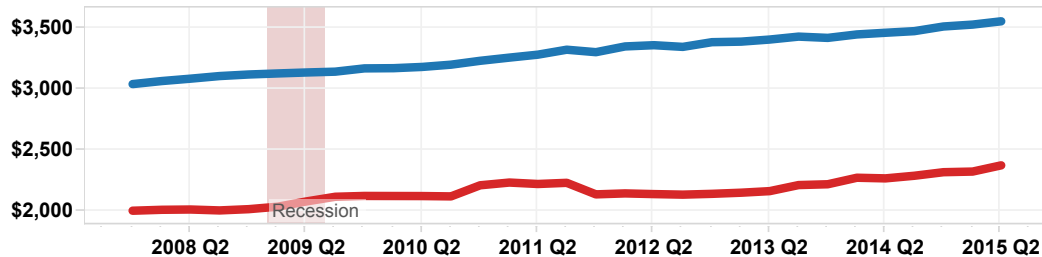
Four-Week Moving Average

2013 2014 2015



Average Monthly Wage SECOND QUARTER 2015*

Four-Quarter Moving Average



Unemployment and Wages

Because of Garfield County's very seasonal economy, it typically sports a high seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

Although at 8.3 percent in September 2015, Garfield County shows the second-highest unemployment rate in the state, it has been slowly improving since the year began.

First-time claims remained low as the tourist season wound down, but should begin their typical winter swell in upcoming weeks.

The seasonal nature of tourism also means leisure and hospitality services dominate the area's claims figures.

The county's average monthly nonfarm wage continues to slowly improve.



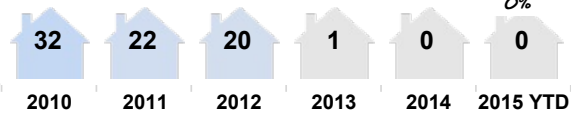
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Construction Permitting JANUARY - JULY 2015

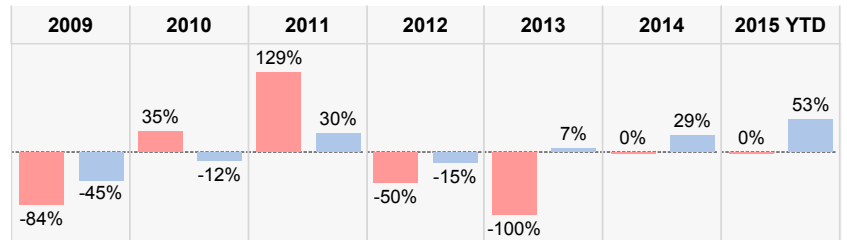
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Dwelling Unit Permits

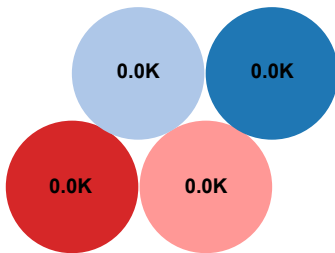


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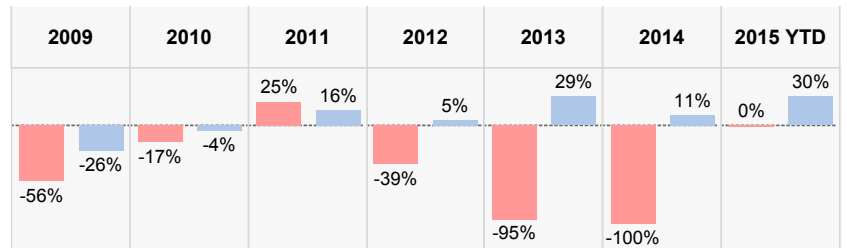
Change in Nonresidential Values



JANUARY - JULY 2015



Change in Total Values



Year-to-Year Change In Gross Taxable Sales SECOND QUARTER 2015

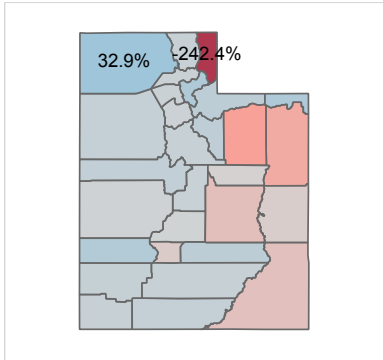
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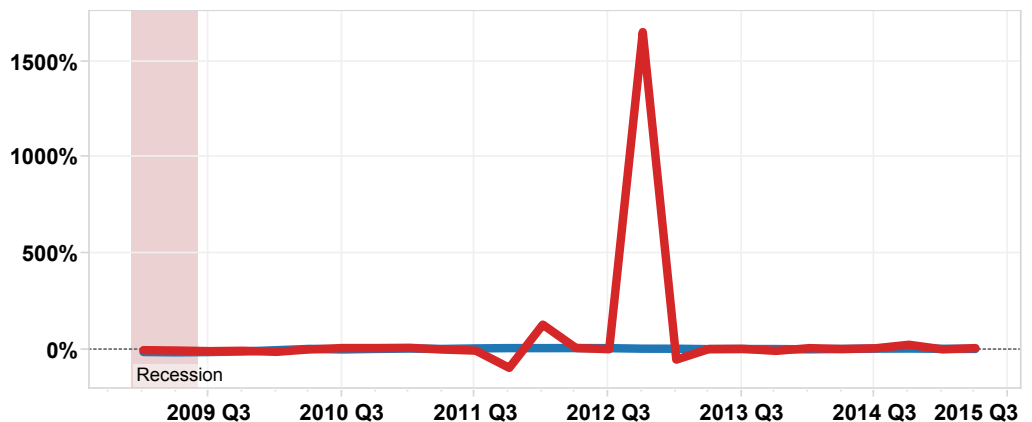
State of Utah

\$ 8.6%

\$ 4.3%



-242.4% 32.9%



Construction and Sales

Garfield County 2015 construction data is not available.



The almost 9-percent year-to-year increase in second quarter gross taxable sales marked the best recent economic news for the county.



A surge in accommodations sales bucked up rather tepid overall gains in retail trade.



*Preliminary

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services, Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research and Utah State Tax Commission.



Nonfarm Jobs by Month SECOND QUARTER 2015*

Sector and Industry	April 2015			May 2015			June 2015		
	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Percent Change	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Percent Change	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Percent Change	Year-Ago Numeric Change
TOTAL	2,266	5.8%	124	2,541	0.3%	7	2,719	-0.1%	-3
GOODS PRODUCTION	110	34.1%	28	106	20.5%	18	105	11.7%	11
Construction	49	36.1%	13	48	20.0%	8	47	4.4%	2
Manufacturing	48	29.7%	11	45	15.4%	6	45	15.4%	6
SERVICE PRODUCTION	2,156	4.7%	96	2,435	-0.4%	-11	2,614	-0.5%	-14
Trade Transport Utilities	228	-8.1%	-20	266	-7.3%	-21	291	-9.9%	-32
Wholesale Trade	7	-22.2%	-2	6	-33.3%	-3	7	-12.5%	-1
Retail Trade	184	-7.1%	-14	187	-13.0%	-28	212	-13.1%	-32
Utilities	26	-7.1%	-2	26	-10.3%	-3	26	-10.3%	-3
Information	96	11.6%	10	100	13.6%	12	116	26.1%	24
Financial Activities	26	8.3%	2	26	4.0%	1	25	-3.8%	-1
Finance and Insurance	22	10.0%	2	22	4.8%	1	21	-4.5%	-1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4	0.0%	0	4	0.0%	0	4	0.0%	0
Professional and Business Svcs	27	68.8%	11	22	-42.1%	-16	24	-46.7%	-21
Professional/Scientific/Techn Svcs	15	66.7%	6	12	20.0%	2	12	20.0%	2
Administrative Support/Waste Mgmt	12	71.4%	5	10	-9.1%	-1	12	-14.3%	-2
Education, Health, Social Svcs	213	-1.4%	-3	229	0.9%	2	222	-3.5%	-8
Educational Services	4	33.3%	1	9	0.0%	0	16	6.7%	1
Health Care and Social Services	209	-1.9%	-4	220	0.9%	2	206	-4.2%	-9
Leisure and Hospitality	966	7.2%	65	1,159	0.4%	5	1,293	0.0%	0
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	48	4.3%	2	51	-3.8%	-2	61	5.2%	3
Accommodation and Food Services	918	7.4%	63	1,108	0.6%	7	1,232	-0.2%	-3
Other Services	14	7.7%	1	17	54.5%	6	17	54.5%	6
Government	585	5.2%	29	615	-0.2%	-1	625	2.8%	17
Federal	134	0.8%	1	169	-7.7%	-14	195	-7.6%	-16
State	74	1.4%	1	74	0.0%	0	74	0.0%	0
Local	377	7.7%	27	372	3.6%	13	356	10.2%	33
Covered Ag, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting*	42	40.0%	12	48	26.3%	10	58	41.5%	17

* Not included in total.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.